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SUBJECT: CEP: SCEPC OIL SCENARIO FOR EXERCISE HILEX-6

REF A. USNATO 5467; B. USNATO 5779; C. USNATO 5863

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SUMMARY: AS RESULT OF NETHERLANDS DEMARCHE CONCERNING
SENSITIVITY OF OIL SUPPLY INFORMATION AND MISSION'S
APPRECIATION OF FACT, COMPROMISE DECISION OF HILEX-6
OIL SCENARIO IS BEING RECOMMENDED TO BOTH CAPITALS.
END SUMMARY.

1. NETHERLANDS AND US CEP REPS, AS RESULT OF REF C,
AGREED DECEMBER 4 TO INTERRUPT SILENCE PROCEDURE, ON
DRAFT DECISION (REF B). CHAIRMAN, SCEPC, WAS NOTIFIED AND
HE POSTPONED COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ANTICIPATED FOR DECEMBER 5
UNTIL PROPOSED DECISION, SET FORTH BELOW IS AGREED TO
IN BOTH CAPITALS.
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2. PROPOSED DRAFT DECISION, WHILE NOT REVERTING TO SCOPE OF
ORIGINAL OIL SCENARIO, IS EXPECTED TO PERMIT SUFFICIENT
EXERCISE ACTIVITY, AT REINFORCED SCEPC LEVEL, FOR THE
TESTING OF CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES IN COMMITTEE AND BY

PETROLEUM CONSULTANTS EXPECTED TO
SUPPORT SCEPC DURING EXERCISE. PROPOSAL SCRAPS DRAFT DECISION
(REF B) WHICH, WOULD HAVE EXCLUDED ANY DISCUSSION OF OIL PROBLEMS
IN HILEX-6.

E. PROPOSED DECISION, AS DRAFTED BY NETHERLANDS AND US
CEP REPS FOR SUBMISSION TO SCEPC EXPANDS ON DRAFT DECISION
REPORTED IN REF A AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE -1. AGREED THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN
THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SETTING FOR OIL PLAY IN
EXERCISE HILEX-6 SHOULD BE SEVERLY SCALED DOWN IN
ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE EMBARRASSING COMPARISONS
WITH THE PREVAILING SITUATION. ACCORDINGLY, SOME
BASIC ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF OIL
AND THE LEVEL OF OIL STOCKS SHOULD BE MADE, IF
REQUIRED, TO ENABLE THE MAIN EXERCISE TO CONTINUE,
BUT ACTIVITY RELATED TO OIL SHORTAGES WILL BE KEPT
TO THE MINIMUM;

2. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, AGREED THAT THE SHORT-
FALL OF TOTAL OIL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE AS SPECIFIED IN
PARA 1 OF THE PPC REPORT OF 28TH NOVEMBER, 1973, ON
THE CURRENT OIL SITUATION, AND WILL FORM THE BASIS
OF THE PREVAILING OIL SITUATION IN REGARD TO THE
SETTING FOR EXERCISE HILEX-6 AND THE STATISTICAL
DATA IN AC/287-(H-6)-WP/2(2ND REVISE) WILL BE ADJUSTED
ACCORDINGLY;

3. FURTHERMORE, AGREED THAT OIL PLAY AT NATO HQ IN
EXERCISE HILEX-6 WILL BE LIMITED TO TESTING, AS
APPROPRIATE, OF AGREED CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES AT THE
LEVEL OF THE REINFORCED SCEPC ONLY. CAPITALS AND
MNC'S WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN THIS PLAY BUT WILL BE
SIMULATED BY THE DIRECTING STAFF;

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4 FINALLY, AGREED THAT THE MERCHANT SHIPPING PLAY,
AT THE LEVEL OF THE DPC, MAY INVOLVE TANKERS. END QUOTE.

4. REQUEST COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE PROPOSED DRAFT DECISION
BY DECEMBER 7, SO THAT TEXT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED
TO OTHER CEP REPS. OTHERWISE, REQUEST THE US REP COMING FROM WASH-
INGTON, TO REINFORCED SCEP DECEMBER 12-14 MEETING, BE PREPARED
TO DISTRIBUTE TEXT IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION
UNDER AGENDA ITEM III - CEP PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE
HILEX-6.
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